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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20857-0003

Dear Sir:

Re: Docket No. 98N-1265

I am writing to express my thoughts and concerns for the restrictions being placed on my right to obtain healthcare products from pharmacies out of state.

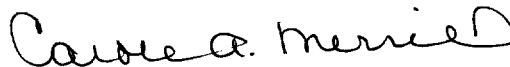
I am using a hormone replacement therapy that is only available through an out-of-state pharmacy. My local pharmacist is unwilling to obtain the ingredients needed to fill my prescription since I would be the only customer for this formulation, and it would be too expensive to carry these ingredients just for me. These ingredients (soybeans) are not generally available commercially.

I have used the hormones available through prescription at our local pharmacy. These ingredients have caused unpleasant side effects.

Please consider amending this memorandum of understanding. The restrictions it would place on me, my physician and the compounding pharmacy make it impossible for me to use medications that are necessary for my well-being.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding my situation.

Sincerely yours,



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